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DESERT EARS TO ELECT OFFICERS

New officers will be elected by the Desert Ears CB Club at the Dec. 8 meeting in the Landers Association building.

The annual Christmas party will be held in conjunction with the meeting.

Lunch will be served at noon.

There will be gifts for every child.

Adults are to bring gifts, not to exceed a dollar in value, and marked his or hers, for a gift exchange.

CONTRIBUTORS TO BE QUERIED

Letters are being sent to all those who contributed to costs of the survey for the original proposed Johnson Valley county water district.

Approximately \$1,300 was raised, and \$800 was expended for engineering and estimates.

Property owners contributed \$1 an acre.

Information provided in the survey has been made available to the Bighorn Rural Water District. The new water district is in the formative stage, and will serve Landers, Homestead Valley and Johnson Valley, if approved by the Farm and Home Administration.

Contributors are being queried as to their wishes in regard to disposition of the \$562 remaining in the original fund.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

In this issue of the Desert Whispers, advertisers and church information are all on one page. Since store hours, CB call numbers and phone numbers are included, you may want to tack the page inside a cupboard door for future reference.

BAZAAR SCHEDULED BY ASSOCIATION

Johnson Valley Improvement Association extends an invitation to the public to a Christmas bazaar, beginning at 2:30 p.m., in the community building, on Dec. 7.

Handmade gifts, candy and other items suitable for gifts will be on sale.

Members are invited to donate articles and may bring them to the hall or leave with the chairman, Mrs. Eva Jarvis.

The regular meeting of the Association will be held at 7:30 p.m. the same day.

The November turkey dinner netted approximately \$150 for the general fund of the association.

HOW TO ESCAPE LIFE'S PROBLEMS

With temperatures often dropping to freezing these nights, some of our small desert neighbors are turning hippie.

They just drop out.

When food supplies are short, or temperatures are low, little fellows like the kangaroo mouse, or pocket mouse, can conserve energy by lowering the body temperature and therefore lowering the metabolism rate. The mouse then enters a state of drowsiness similar to dormancy, except that it may wake up in a day, pop out, and at the next cold spell fold up again.

During extreme heat or droughts, the small animals can turn on or off. Summer dormancy is called estivation. The burrow is sealed and the animal obtains moisture from stored seeds.

Some birds go through the same process, although an incubating or broody female will not. Two types of desert hummingbirds drop into a deep torpor every night, to conserve energy.

Season's
Greetings!



NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

by Aileen De Victoria

The first fund-raising event of the Johnson Valley Search and Rescue group was a success. A dime-a-dip was held at the Chisel Inn following the November meeting. * * *

The Johnson Valley Improvement Association served a turkey dinner prior to the November meeting at the community hall.

Lucille Campbell invited all the lady pool sharks for luncheon on the 13th. Eight accepted and drove to Colton for the occasion.

Jerry and Mary Neary gave away their daughter Kathy in marriage on Nov. 9. Among those attending the wedding and reception were Howard and Marilyn Tiggeman, Burt and Lucille Campbell, your Neighborhood Happenings reporter, and daughter Jody De Victoria.

Sadness again this month, with the passing of Harry Paden in a rest home in Garden Grove. Our deepest sympathy to the Paden family.

The same week, Patsy Dumond received word of the death of Dave Zula while visiting his father in Northern California. Young Dave died from injuries suffered in a traffic accident.

Mrs. Ruby Piner fractured her wrist when she fell while hanging curtains. She is reported more improved each day.

It's good to hear the youngsters enjoying themselves on weekends. The Dumond children entertained their friends on a recent weekend, with Coot Coutant taking all ten on a jeep ride Saturday evening. Thanks, Coot!

The Ladies' Pool Club has added two members to the group, Mrs. Marie Stanley and Mrs. Baumgarten.

Clarence Estes escaped injury when his plane had power failure and one wing clipped the ground in landing.

Monique Burkett's school chums missed her for two weeks. She was bedded down with chicken pox.

In closing I want to say I sincerely hope everyone enjoyed a very happy Thanksgiving, and that the Holiday Season ahead will be very joyful and will bring Peace.

--A.Dev.

NEW TEEN GROUP INVITES MEMBERS

Boys and girls from 13 to 19 years of age are invited to join the teen-age group recently organized in Landers.

Meetings are held in a cabin opposite the Moose Hall. Dances and other types of activities are being planned.

Jim Kirkendall is in charge. Donations of records and furniture will be very much appreciated, Jim said. --A.D.

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SHOUTS AND WHISPERS

Eva Jarvis has been graduated from the Famous Artists Schools of Westport, Conn. Eva specialized in fine arts painting during her three year course with the home study school.

Directors of the school include Norman Rockwell, Ben Shahn and Dong Kingman.

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Q. What local gentleman accompanied his wife to a woman's style show and won the door prize of the day?

A. Our one and only Gus Valentine.

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Marie Stanley's daughter Audrey, and husband out for a few days, her first visit since recovering from a lengthy illness. Good to see her about.

*

Phil and Aileen Dryer, of Hollywood, also spent a few days with Sarge and Marie Stanley, their first visit to the desert. Aileen is Marie's niece.

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Visiting the Estes were Clarence's sister, Ethel Vincent, of Denver, and her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Perry. They welcomed the Perrys' sons who have returned from a Navy tour of the Pacific on the repair ship, the "Jason."

The younger son, Gayle, is on leave until Nov. 12, and returned to Denver with his parents. Douglas is with his wife and two children in Pasadena.

*

Edna Hodges up and about after a bout with one of the bugs.

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